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UNITED NATIONS REFORM: MEASURES AND PROPOSALS

Letter dated 27 May 1997 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the General Assembly

As you know, I intend to submit my report on the reform of the United Nations to Member States in July and, with your agreement, I would like to present it directly to the General Assembly. The report will cover the further measures I intend to take for restructuring the Secretariat and improving its capacities and effectiveness in serving Member States, as well as my proposals for consideration by Member States in areas within their purview.

The issues to be addressed in the report will be wide-ranging and interrelated. Consequently, I believe that it is important that they be addressed collectively. Therefore, I propose that, in the first instance, an additional item entitled "United Nations reform: measures and proposals" be included in the agenda of the fifty-first session of the General Assembly.

I would like to present my report personally to the General Assembly under the proposed new item. Based on the discussions we have had, I expect to be in a position to do so on 16 July.

I trust that this timing will make it possible for ministerial statements in the general debate at the fifty-second session of the General Assembly to respond to the proposals in my report. I also hope that procedures for the subsequent consideration of the report by the Assembly will ensure that the proposals in my report will continue to be addressed in an integrated manner.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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